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SUBJECT: THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY REOPENS

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1. THESSALONIKI WEEKEND PAPERS REPORT DECISION OF LOCAL MED STUDENTS TO ABANDON OCCUPATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING EFFECTIVE JAN. 26. DISSIDENTS WILL , HOWEVER, ENFORCE CONTINUED BOYCOTT OF ALL CLASSES CONDUCTED BY CONTROVERSIAL U.S. PROFESSOR CHRISTOFORIDES. FOLLOWING DECISION BY MED STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES AT ALL OTHER UNIVERSITY FACULTIES ALSO VOTED TO END BOYCOTT OF CLASSES, AND AS OF JAN. 27 THESSALONIKI UNIV. AGAIN IN OPERATION.

2. UNRESOLVED STUDENT DEMANDS INCLUDE POSTPONEMENT OF EXAMS AND EXTENSION OF SCHOOLYEAR TO COMPENSATE FOR PERIOD UNIVERSITY CLOSED. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY MED STUDENTS ALSO CONDEMNED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTIC AND TURKISH CHAUVINIST" PLANS FOR PARTITION OF CYPRUS.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE APPARENT IMPROVED SITUATION ON LOCAL CAMPUS, APPROX. FORTY POLICE REINFORCEMENTS STILL STATIONED AROUND CONGEN AND ADJACENT SIDE STREET CLOSED. ALIENS POLICE CHIEF CONFIRMED TO ME JAN. 25 THAT REASON FOR UNUSUAL MEASURES WAS CONFISCATION OF TWO GASOLINE FILLED BOTTLES FROM DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF CONGEN DURING JAN 23 CYPRIOT "STUDENT" DEMONSTRATION, AND PRESENCE AMONGGROUP OF SEVERAL

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